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OLDEST COLLEGE ALUMNUS DEAD.

Professor Sherman, Graduate of Middlebury in '38 Passes Away in Chicago.

Middlebury, Nov. 25.—Prof. Samuel Sterling Sherman, 99 years old, reputed to be the oldest graduate of an American college, who died last Sunday in Chicago, graduated from Middlebury College in the class of 1838. He was born in West Rupert. By his death ex-Gov. John W. Stewart of Middlebury, who was 89 years old last Tuesday, becomes the oldest living graduate of Middlebury college. He has served 57 years as a member of the college corporation. In this connection President Thomas of the college said today: "By diligent inquiry I have yet been unable to learn of any trustee of longer service in any American college or university."

Concerning the notable career of Professor Sherman, President Thomas said:

"He prepared for college in an academy located in East Bennington and during college vacations taught school in Sudbury. His health not being rugged, he resolved after graduation to go south, and after a six weeks' journey found himself in Tuscaloosa, Alabama He carried a letter to President Manley of the University of Alabama and received an appointment as tutor in that institution.

"The Baptists, a strong denomination in that State, had been contemplating the foundation of a college and after three years' service in the State university, Mr. Sherman was invited to lead the project. He had to collect funds, erect buildings, choose his faculty and do everything else necessary to get a college underway. His efforts were remarkably successful and Howard College became under his leadership a strong and vigorous institution. He was its president for 10 years and is greatly honored as its founder and builder.

"Later he became president of Judson Institute, a school for girls, which also thrived through his efforts and is today one of the best schools of its class in the South. Professor Sherman's name stands high in the history of the educational leaders in Alabama and citizens of that State have spoken of him as one of their greatest men.

"His later years were spent in the North, first in business in Milwaukee and later in Chicago. He was also active in educational affairs in Wisconsin and was at one time offered the presidency of the State university.

"At the age of 95 he published his autobiography, an exceedingly interesting volume, and still later 'Early Memories of West Rupert.' I am sure his career is such a one as the late Horace W. Bailey would have delighted to sketch for the encouragement of the younger generation."

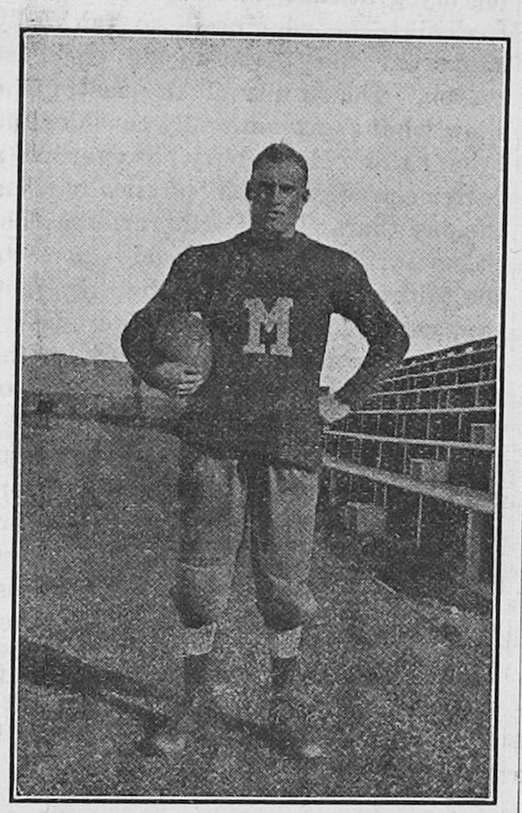
Judge Richard S. Tuttle, '63, for the Chicago alumni, sent flowers to Mr. Sherman's family.

SCORELESS TIE WITH U. V. M.

Neither Team Able to Score in the Fastest Game of the Season.

Middlebury and University of Vermont Evenly Matched — Large Attendance at Game — Special Train for Middlebury Rooters

Saturday, November 21. — In the hardest and most stubborn fought game of the season Middlebury was held to a scoreless tie by the heavy Vermont team. The game was played on Centennial Field, which had been cleared of eight or ten inches of snow, leaving the surface in almost perfect condition for the fast and varied attacks of the two elevens. Vermont followed the Yale style of play, of wide end runs, lateral and forward passes, tackles around end and modification of the Minnesota shift, where she could have ten men on the line of scrimmage. Except for the first few minutes of play, this style of attack did not prove so effective as the Midd. attack, the chart showing that Midd. had the ball in her opponent's territory longer and more often than Vermont had it in Midd's half of the field.



CAPTAIN JONES

Each team presented a stronger defense than offense, although the difference may be due somewhat to the superior quality of the lines, which were very evenly matched. Horsford and Lang stood out conspicuously in the Midd. line, while Little proved a tower of strength for Vermont. At the ends Captain Jones fully lived up to his reputation of being the best end Midd. has had in a number of years, while at the other wing position Cowles was a close second. These two men clearly outclassed the Vermont ends, in breaking interference, following the ball, boxing the tackle and in down the field work. In the Midd. backfield Keefe plugged the line for good gains and Bresnahan circled the ends for several long runs. Hard was a great strength on the defense, breaking up play after after play and always getting his man.

Tennier was the best back for Vermont, although the speedy Frank made a number of sensational runs toward the close of the game, when the darkness made it almost impossible to follow the ball. Both quarterbacks used good judgment in the selection of their plays and got all the work possible out of the men. In the kicking department Condit constantly outpunted Smith, while Kron got off the longest spiral seen on Centennial Field for some time, the ball traveling from his own 35-yard line to the Vermont goal line.

So from this general summary it would seem that Midd. had a little the better of the argument. Every man that went into the game gave all he had, and surely everyone should feel proud of the team as a whole and the game it played. A word of praise is due the Vermont management for the courtesy shown the Midd. followers and for making the playing conditions as good as possible for the team. A final word of praise should be given the "rooters", and the band, who showed their appreciation of the good plays made by Vermont as well as Midd. and stuck to the team to the end. It is this team work, both of the players and the ones who sit in the stands, that wins games and it is hoped the spirit that was shown Saturday will continue throughout the year.

The game by plays:

Malcolm kicked off to Hubbard on the 20 yard line and after Middlebury was held for no gain on two rushes, Condit punted to Vizner in the center of the field. Vermont tried the rushing game but was able to advance the ball only to the 35-yard line. From this point Malcolm tried a drop kick which was nearly successful.

Middlebury put the ball in scrimmage on the 20-yard line and on the first play Hubbard fumbled, but Jones recovered on the 10-yard line. After an unsuccessful forward pass, Condit punted to Vizner on the 40-yard line, where he was nailed in his tracks by Jones. In two plunges Tennier made first down, and Smith went through the tackle for

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Alumni Dinners.

The dates of both the New York and Boston Alumni dinners have been selected. The New York dinner will be held at Delmonico's Friday evening, January 29th. The Boston Alumni are to meet February 13th, the place not yet chosen.

SUCCESSFUL FOOT-BALL SEASON ENDED.

Manager Cabot and Captain Jones Praised for Work of the Season.

Although Middlebury met with reverses in the first three games of the season, the results of the later games, against teams which were in all ways better than the ones which defeated us in these first games, the season as a whole will go down as a successful one. All the men who played on the team had considerable varsity experience last year, with the exception of the members from the freshman class. A new system of coaching was tried and it took the men several weeks to become accustomed to the new style of play, and this, in a large measure, accounts for the failure of the team to come into its own and show its real possibilities until late in the season.

MANAGER CABOT

This seems to point that a definite coaching system should be installed, instead of having a new and inexperienced coach each year. The success of the base ball team last spring was largely due to the efficient coaching of a man who knew the existing conditions and the capabilities of the different men.

Against Amherst and Rensselaer, the team did not get started, and all semblance of team work was absent. At Fordham, a much better game was played and Midd. was not outclassed so much as the score would indicate, according to the favorable comments of the New York players and those who witnessed the game.

The team began to come in the St. Lawrence game and easily defeated the visitors by a score of 31-7. This marked the turning point of the season and in the following games the team certainly gave some good exhibitions of football.

Only after the hardest kind of a game did Springfield defeat Midd. According to the Springfield players, the Middlebury line presented the strongest defense their team had been against, not even excepting the Harvard line.

The Mass. Aggies obtained a victory by intercepting a Middlebury forward pass on their own five-yard line, just when a score seemed probahle. For all-around play, the team gave the best

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EDITORIAL.

PRESIDENT THOMAS AND PEACE.

President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college has made many notable utterances on public matters, but none has ever been more timely or appropriate than his Sunday evening address in the First Congregational church of Burlington, when the burden of his sermon was: Let us have peace.

Concerning this sermon the Rutland Herald says in part:

"If more men of influence would take this sensible and just stand and express themselves accordingly there would be fewer distracted business men, worried investors, large and small, fewer men out of employment and a shorter bread line."

Doctor Thomas spoke on the Ishmaelite, taking as his subject the son of Hagar, who fulfilled the prophecy of Genesis, 16:12, which reads thus:

"And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him."

"This sort of a man," said Doctor Thomas, "is not the saint we most need just now to venerate. We need rather to get together and be brotherly." Getting down to practical business conditions. of which the President of our institution of learning is well qualified to speak, he became specific and declared the Ishmaelite was not needed in our present crisis:

"We have had enough muck-raking and corporation baiting and attempts to stir class hatred and social antagonism. Let us have peace. * * *

"The people of Vermont, of all classes and all parties, are patriotic and sincerely desirous of the general good. The large business enterprises of this State are not managed by thieves and robbers. The bankers know that they can prosper only when prosperity is general, and are willing to conduct their business accordingly. The men who have attained eminence at the bar of Vermont are not traitors to her interests."

These are golden words, coming rom the conv iction of a great educator who realizes that there can be no forward movement in Vermont schools and co leges unless Vermont business prospers; that there can be no prosperity without peace; that there can be no peace unless the Ishmaelite in public life is tamed and there is a big, strong pull for Vermont business, Vermont schools, and Vermont progress. The Herald calls particular attention to the doctor's peroration:

"Let us have peace. Let us curb the Ishmaelite in our Green Mountain blood, and stand together, each for the welfare of all, and all for the welfare of each."

That sentiment might well be engraved in letters of brass and hung in every church, every school and college, every place of public assemblage. and every business office of Vermont. It might very properly head every editorial page from now until the assembly of the legi lature and be displayed in characters of weight and portent in every State document issued from Montpelier meanwhile.

Let us have legislative, executive, industrial and business peace, even though the whole world be at war.

The Sophomore Hop.

The Sophomore Hop given by the class of nineteen seventeen was held in the McCullough gymnasium on the twenty-fifth of November. The committee in charge were E. Heath Towne, chairman, Harold Damon, Sumner Harrison, Milton Hard, Miss Linnell, Miss Leland, and Miss Simms. Music was furnished by Wilson's orchestra. The patrons and patronesses were Miss Throop, Mr. and Mrs. Burrage, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. McGilton. The gymnasium was decorated with purple and white, the orchestra being shut from view by green lattice work and shrubbery. A moon bearing the class numerals would have scattered her purple beams but suffered an eclipse by the Student Life committee. When the last dance was over many were heard to wish that there were twenty more dances. What could be a better proof of its success?

An Apology.

In my article entitled "An Open Letter for Seniors" which appeared in THE CAMPUS of November 18. I made the statement, "in no college is the cane the hall-mark of the senior". I wish to correct that statement, as I have since learned that at least one American college follows the custom of carrying canes during the senior year. This college in question, however, follows a tradition over a century old, and its use of the cane is consequently dignified and effective, in that it serves to remind the men who carry it of the origin and early development of their college.

There would be no such justification for our adoption of the cane carrying custom. The cane has no connection with our past history, and reminds us of no tradition, in short, it is entirely without significance in our case.

In view of this fact, I cannot help feeling that the cane, as carried by Middlebury men, is an absolute absurdity.

T. K. P.

Where Vermont Comes In.

At a Tuft's college alumni dinner given at the University club in New York city at which several States were represented, Charles H. Darling was invited to respond to the toast "Where Vermont Comes In," and replied as follows:

Up where the north winds blow just a little keener,
Up where the grasses grow just a little greener,
Up where the mountain peaks rise a little higher,
Up where the human kind draws a little nigher,
That's where Vermont comes in.

Up where the snows of winter last a little longer,
Up where the heart beats just a little stronger,
Up where the handclasp is just a little warmer,
That's where Vermont comes in.

Up where the lonesome pine its nightly requiem sings,
Up where the unpolluted waters take their rise,
Up where the sons of toil have fought for freedom's sod,
Up where all nature's mood is a little nearer God.
That's where Vermont comes in.

Where our manhood fights for honor
And where woman shrinks at sin,
Where health is man's best riches,
That's where Vermont comes in.

M. F. N.

Thanks Team.

I will take this opportunity of extending my gratitude and thanks to the football team who have so faithfully supported the team during the past season. The results of the last game show what the team really can do, and I don't think Middlebury has ever had a better equipped team physically than the one that played at Vermont last Saturday. This fact was due alone to the faithful training of the men and they deserve a great deal of credit. I also want to thank the members of the second team to whom a large share of the success is due. The team as a whole extend their thanks to the student body and faculty for their continued loyal support during the entire season and especially for the spirit shown at U. V. M. It was the best spirit ever shown by a group of men from this college and I hope this is but the beginning. In closing I extend to Captain-elect Condit and the next year's squad, the best wishes for a successful and prosperous season.

C. S. JONES.

Tuesday Evening Club.

Owing to the presentation of the Faculty play on November 24, the meeting of the Tuesday evening club was held Friday night, at which time the club was entertained with a farce entitled "William," which was well acted by four members of the Freshman class. The cast was as follows:

Henry Bronson, Helen Sibley
Mrs. Bronson, Ruth Hesselgrave
Alfred Blossom, a college friend, Louise Reynolds
Jennie, the maid, Muriel Retchford

At the conclusion of the play solos were rendered by Miss Vera Suter of the class of 1914. Miss Florence Aseltine, also of 1914, told a few of her experiences while teaching, and "Drink to me Only with Thine Eyes" was very pleasingly sung by Miss Duffield. The hour was concluded with a social dance and a number of Middlebury songs.

Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association.

Do you know there is an I. P. A. league here in college? This was started last year and is now reorganized for 1914-1915. The purposes of the league are:

(1) To know the liquor problem thoroughly as college men. (2) To train men for the solution of the problem. As an aid in working out these purposes, a study class is to be started based on "Social Welfare and the Liquor Problem" by Harry S. Warner. Since the magnitude of the question challenges the attention of college men, and since they are the ones by whom its ultimate solution must be brought about, do your share by contributing your membership, and your efforts to make this league a success. In this way you will have a share in the benefits that come from knowing the problem.

Very soon now we have to decide whether Middlebury is to be represented in the great student convention at Topeka, Kansas, December 29 to June 1. The candidacy is not restricted to members of the league, and, therefore, it is desired that all who are interested as possible candidates make the fact known at once.

College Presidents Meet.

There was an unusual gathering of prominent New England educators in Boston November I3-14, when the presdent's of fifteen New England's men's colleges met at Boston University for their annual conference.

As the head of Boston University the host for the two days' session, President Murlin, presided over the deliberations and Dean William M. Warren of the Boston University College of Liberal Arts acted as secretary.

All the sessions were held in secret so that the presidents and delegates might freely express their opinion on the matters selected for discussion and thus all secure the advantages of a private and wide exchange of ideas and experiences.

In connection with the meeting, however, there were two semi-public gatherings at which the presidents and delegates appeared. One of these was a dinner tendered by the Boston City Club and Boston University Friday evening at the City Club. Alumni of the institutions represented in the association were present and some of the representatives of the colleges made addresses.

The Twentieth Century Club and Boston University gave the presidents and delegates a luncheon Saturday noon in the Twentieth Century club rooms on Joy street. President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University, President Alexander Meiklejohn of Amherst College and President Harry A. Garfield of Williams College were invited to speak at this luncheon.

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"JOAKS"

McF.—A certain man was telling of past wickedness. "And I was a heathen and my wife, she was a shethen."

Prof. Wright tells of the courage of early times.

"And the man ran off with all his might and the lion with all his main (mane)."

A Freshman girl rose to recite
But all her wits had fled,
Her face from fear grew very white
And then became quite red.

A certain book was by her side
And she looked rather 'scairt,'
In piteous accents loud she cried
"I didn't get to that."

Alack! Alas! the night before
She'd to the movies gone
Now she got rattled more and more
For lessons she knew none.

The prof. glared at her with a frown
Too well she knew that look
It meant he'd put a zero down
In his black record book

Such scenes as this oft chance to pass
At a room I once was in—
'Twas in our Pa White's Latin class,
Where else could it have been?

C. D.

Overheard in Pliny Class:

In recessu solum balinei tempus studiis eximebatua: In the retreat of the bath alone was time taken from his studies.

Prof. Sanford: Well, to illustrate, Miss D. what does it mean when at a football game, they call, "Time out"?

Miss D.: "Does it mean time for the boys to take a shower bath?"

Prof. Cady, reading Richard II.—"So that by thine intelligence we learn the Welshmen are dispersed and Salisbury is gone to meet the King."

Prof. C—"I suppose when Salisbury went he drove 'Penelope.'"

Prof. W., describing House of Commons—"And they have a bar at the rear—that is, I mean a brass bar."

November 17. Prof. McFarland corners the Joke Market.

"In the opinion of the ancients the ocean went down to—— —— (after a pause) well!"

"What earthly use was the telescope?"

"None. It's use was heavenly!

Mc F. "What does the moon do?"
Mr. M. "Gives light."
Mc F. "Yes and like yours it is reflected."

"Notes" in English III.

When called on, without preparation,
I experience great agitation;
My brain seems to freeze
And down on my knees
I can feel an amusing vibration.

Philosophic musings after receiving mid-semester notices:

"Art is long and life is shining,
And the man who'd reach the goal
Must not stand forever chinning,
While the blissful moments roll.
—Apologies to Longfellow.

Opportunity, we are told, knocks but once at a person's door, thereby differing from the proctors at Pearsons.

CAMPUS MOTES.

Richard Stewart Esten, '14, principal of the Enosburg High school, visited a week at the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. He was present at the Vermont-Middlebury game.

Raymond Cyrus Whitney, '14, student in the Harvard Medical school, was in Middlebury over Sunday and attended the football game at Burlington.

The freshman at a class meeting voted to pay a tax of $2 each to help finance the publication of the college "Kaleidoscope." Lynch was elected captain of the class football team and Brewster was elected manager.

President John M. Thomas of Middlebury College gave a talk on the "Present Educational Situation in Vermont" before the Men's club of the Congregational church, Rutland, at their first social meeting of the winter, on December 1.

President John M. Thomas of Middlebury College and Assistant Dean Edgar J. Wiley attended the annual meeting of the New England College association in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Condit and daughter, Miss Amy Condit, of East Orange, N. J., were guests of Philip Condit.

A concrete walk is being laid from the Warner Science hall to the new chemistry building on the college campus.

Prof. Avery E. Lambert of Middlebury college gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "The Birds of New England" at Pittsford recently evening, which was illustrated by a large number of colored stereopticon slides. Professor Lambert also told something of the work of the Audubon society. The lecture, which was largely attended, was given under the auspices of the Housekeepers' club.

There have been plans circulating around the dormitories the past few days relative to a football game to be played in the near future between two picked teams composed of fellows from Starr and Painter halls. Only men who do not play on either the varsity or scrub teams are eligible for those teams.

Miss Anne Fisher and Miss Ruth Kendall represented Middlebury at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Student Government association held at Cambridge, Mass.

Miss Elizabeth Page of Chatham, N. J., sbent Thankfgiving with Miss Hesselgrave '18.

Miss Marguerite Tracy and Miss Clare Dragon have been spending a few days with Miss Josephine Tracy '15.

Miss Shattuck '17 has her two sisters from Weston, Vt., visiting her.

Miss Marion Prouty from Swanton, Vt., is visiting Miss Helen Cussons '17.

Miss Marcella Jackson of Fair Haven, Vt., has been visiting Mifs Helen Clift.

Miss Carrie Duntan '17 has been called home suddenly on account of her mother's death.

Miss Cecile Thomas spent Thanksgiving at her home in Salisbury.

Mr. Edward Mead of Boston will read at the gymnasium to-night, "The Servant in the House".

Miss Belle Tucker of Worcester, Mass., recently visited her niece, Katuerine Holds.

FRATERNITY NOTES.

Phi Mu Gamma.

Miss Irene Ingalls '15, and Miss Jennie Craigue '17, spent the week-end with friends in Burlington.

Miss Joy Rose '15, spent the Thanksgiving vacation at her home in Cornwall.

Miss Isabelle Griffith '16, was a recent guest of Miss Harriett Smith '15, in Vergennes.

Miss Cecile Thomas '17, was at home in Salisbury for the vacation.

Delta Upsilon.

The chapter held an informal dance on the evening of November 14th at the Masonic hall. Music was furnished by Vittum's orchestra. Prof. and Mrs. Charles Abbott and Prof. and Mrs. Phelps Swett were chaperones.

R. D. Perry, Williams, '14, and Leland Hall of Norwich Univesrity were guests at the dance and remained over Sunday.

Kuebler, '17 went to his home in Hackensack, N. J., Thursday, November 19, and returned Monday, November 23.

Davis, '17, spent Thanksgiving at his home in Chester.

Alpha Chi Notes.

'13. Miss Mary Johnson spent Sunday, November 22, with friends on the hill.

'13. Miss Mary Archibald was here for the Faaulty play.

Miss Ruth Norton and Miss Katherine Fish were in Boston week before last and attended the Dartmouuh-Syracuse game.

'14. Miss Vera Suter was the guest of Marjorie Wright from Friday to Monday.

Miss Helen Carrigan, who was called home by illness in her family, has returned to college.

'9I. Mrs. John M. Thomas was in Brandon over Sunday.

Alpha Sigma Phi.

Abbott '14 was in town over Thanksgiving.

Bigelow '13, Carrier '13 and Ryan '12 attended the Harvard-Yale game.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parker visited their son, Alban, Friday and Saturday last.

Culver '13, was in South Royalton over Thanksgiving.

Dean and Mrs. E. J. Wiley visited relatives in Brandon Thanksgiving.

Earle Day of Plattsburg, N. Y., visited his brother, Day '15 Saturday and Sunday.

C. E. Cole ex-'15 is in Orleans, Vt., as art instructor in the public schools.

A. J. Parker is confined to the house by illness.

Benjamin Lamere, returning to Norwich, stopped over Sunday with his brother, Joel Lamere.

Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Carmen Walker, '12, spent four or five days during the middle of November with friends in Middlebury.

Mrs. Denio of Bristol spent the 14th in town.

Miss Helen Harriman, '13, who is teaching in Northfield seminary, visited friends on the hill from November 13th to the 16th.

Miss Florence Aseltine, '14, spent November 27th on the hill.

Miss Edith Chamberlain visited Miss Marjorie Lee '16 on Friday.

Miss Beulah Wilkinson spent Thanksgiving day at her home in Rutland, Vt.

Miss Laura Walbridge, '15, and Miss Marjorie Lee spent Thanksgiving at the latter's home in Vergennes.

Mrs. Lee from Vergennes visited her daughter, Miss Marjorie Lee, '16, recently.

Miss Helen Harriman, '12, was in town for a short stay.

Miss Carmen Walker, '11, has been spending a few days in town.

Sigma Kappa.

Miss Edythe Boyce ex-'15 visited Miss Harriet Smith from Nov. 14 to 17.

Miss Margaret Pike ex-'15 spent Thanksgiving with friends on the hill.

Miss Adelaaid Ross spent Thanksgiving wlth her parents in Rutland.

Miss Marie Handy has been ill for the past week.

Miss Vera Arnold spent Thanksgiving at the home of Harriet Smith in Addison.

Miss Marjorie Phelps spent Thanksgiving at her home in Vergennes.

Miss Florence Buxton went Friday to remanin over Sunday at her home in Jericho.

Miss Hazel Haseltine and Miss Winifred Jeffards passed Thanksgiving day with Miss Joy Rose in Cornwail.

Miss Gladys Frost passed Sunday at her home in Rutland.

Miss Margaret Pike ex-'15 is asslstant postmistress in Waterbury.

Calendar.

November 29. Vesper's, Pearson's hall, 7:45 p. m. Leader Adelaide Ross.

December 2. Y. W. C. A. Hemicycle 4 p. m. Leader Pauline Helms. Subject, Worthwhile Ambition.

December 4. Le Circle Francaise. Prof. Robinson's.

December 6. Vespers, Pearsons hall, 7:45 p. m.

December 8. Tuesday Evening club, Pearsons hall, 6:45 p. m.

December 9. Y. W. C. A., hemicycle 4. p. m. Leader, Emma Feeney. Subject, Do Our Appearances Express Our Best Selves?

December 11. Deuscher Verein, 7 p. m.

December 16. 4:00, Hemicycle, Christmas Service. Leader, Sarah Funnell.

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OPEN TO ALL

An Open Letter to the Senior Class.

An article in THE CAMPUS issued November 18 under the above title was of particular interest to me since I am one of those responsible for this classic outburst.

"Novelty alone is hardly sufficient excuse for anything," says the nobly inspired youth. To me it is quite a novel idea for an undergraduate to attempt to explain the motives of the 1914 class in such a sarcastic manner when he is absolutely ignorant of the facts.

As to the carrying of canes by the 1914 seniors, I will say that this was not done with any idea of substituting this custom for that of wearing the cap and gown during the second semester, as each of these matters was taken up separately. During what time the cap and gown shall be worn is one question, while the custom of carrying canes is another and need not be in the least related to the former. To take the matter up as was done in the above mentioned article is both unfair and uncalled for.

Our young critic tells us that in no college is the cane the hall mark of the senior. He also says that at many colleges it is the usual thing for freshmen to carry canes. This may have been true in the middle ages, but conditions have evidently changed, for in most of our American colleges the seniors carry canes bearing their college emblems, while a freshman's life would be in danger if he attempted to carry a cane.

I appreciate the history of the academic gown which our adviser has so carefully compiled in this article, and do not question either the Encyclopedia Britannica or the Bible references in the least. I will, however, question the economic value of the gown which he brings to your notice, although he perhaps will suggest it being used as a bath robe or kimona.

With due respect to the author, and with proper regard for the dignity of the academic robe, I feel that this young man has not been consistent with his professed conservatism when he assumes to know the motives of 1914 and attempts to prejudice the senior class against something he apparantly knows very little about.

ALUMNUS, '14.

Another Open Letter to the Senior Class

In the November 18 issue of the Campus a member of the Senior class wrote a letter in which he urged that we abolish the custom of carrying canes, and that we wear the cap and gown during the second semester. The article was scholarly and in many ways apt.

There were, however, some statements made which are erroneous; some points which would have overturned the argument were withheld, and some reasons given which seem to have little weight.

The first statement which I wish to consider is this. "There is very little to be said in favor of the canes except on the score of their novelty, and novelty alone is hardly a sufficient excuse for anything."

The canes of the graduating class, covered with signatures of friends and classmates, certainly occupy the same position as do the photo albums and memory books serving to remind one in later years of the friends made in college. It is true this value cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but the argument here is quite as valid as the wearing of the cap and gown for the sake of its historic value.

The possibility of using the Otter Head as our college symbol has lain dormant since the foundation of Middlebury College. Some have objected, saying that the otter was not an appropriate symbol, since he had so few virtues. I cannot see where the otter need blush for his seeming lack of good qualities, in the face of the treacherous tiger of Princeton, or the obstinate bull dog of Yale, or the clumsy elephant of Maine. On the contrary nothing could be more appropriate than that the otter should be adopted by the college which now stands, and for a hundred years has stood nearby the banks of Otter Creek.

Another sentence reads, "In no college is the cane the hall mark of the Senior". If the writer will make inquires he will find that in Maine, in University of Vermont, and in Dartmouth at least, the contrary is true.

The majority of men do not object to the wearing of cap and gown for a reasonable time, but the thought of wearing a hobble for a whole semester is indeed repugnant.

Moreover the weather conditions at Middlebury from February till May are not exactly suited to the wearing of a flowing robe.

I admit that the cap and gown are historically interesting—even picturesque. But the gown affords no increase of democracy, since democracy of college life allows a man to wear whatever he chooses (within reason) and does not attempt to make him wear a common uniform.

In point of economy the gown makes no saving. Here the democracy of college is evident. A man need not hide his clothes under a gown –merely because they are not velvet and satin, Moreover, once having purchased a suit of clothes, there is no more economy shown by hiding it than wearing it openly.

True, these customs of the past are worth saving. But they ought not to crowd out other worthy customs which have the unfortunate but wholly unremediable quality of novelty.

The significance of the gown is of absorbing interest. So also is the suggestion that the faculty wear the academic gown at all lectures during the second semester.

The idea of wearing the gowns long enough to get their cash value out of them seems a reasonable argument, but the thot of wearing them until we could climb the stairs without stumbling and tripping is too suggestive of the the vast eons of geological time.

I suppose I ought to express my stand on this subject, I believe the Otter Head Cane custom ought to stay, I believe we should link the otter head with Middlebury College, put it on our banner, wear it on our canes, sing it in our songs. I believe, also that we ought to wear the cap and gown *but not for an unreasonable length of time.*

Now just what is the real question at hand? Plainly this. The previous writer wishes you, first—to vote to wear the gown during the *eniire second semester;* second—to abolish the cane custom inaugurated last year. I do not think that gowns have ever been worn at Middlebury during the whole semester. The question is :—Are you now ready to vote to restrict your 3 foot stride to a 1 1-2 foot waddle, for a whole semester, under the mistaken idea that it adds to economy, democracy, or dignity. I have shown that economy and democracy are no arguments in favor of wearing the gown for an entire semester. As for dignity, it is not a thing that can be drawn on or pulled off like a coat. I have seen men in overalls with a great deal more dignity than some men in full dress.

Frankly, it is not my purpose to compare every man who disagrees with me to that previously mentioned Biblical bird (Job 39—17). I believe the opinions and beliefs of said bird ought to be respected even if they are different from our own. With this in mind I suggest the following :

Let every Senior vote—

1st. to retain the Otter Head Cane.

2nd. to wear the cap and gown during Junior week and Commencement week.

ELBERT C. COLE.

A Letter to the Freshmen.

I am not a member of any fraternity; I have never been asked to join any fraternity, and I never expect to be asked to join. These three statements form a part of my justification for writing on such a topic as I have chosen. Because of the first fact, I have the right—or take the right—to discuss the question freely. Because of the second reason, I can write without being suspected of any prejudice or desire to influence the pledge-day result in any particular direction. Because of the third, I can write without being suspected of any selfish or personal motive.

In the years I have spent at Middlebury, I have seen many things. I have seen raw and undeveloped boys become men of power and good influence in the College, and I have seen raw and undeveloped boys change to men who, while they were not failures were yet very far from realizing in themselves all the good which they might have realized in a different environment or in different company. In ten cases out of ten these men have done well or poorly largely through their fraternity environment. It is a splendid thing to see a boy join a fraternity and develop into a man of worth and influence through the aid of his fraternity. It is a sad thing to see a boy join a fraternity and lose sight of the high ideals and aspirations which were his before his union with it. When I saw all the splendid freshmen this year, I began to wonder what I might see, if I could "look into the seeds of time." When I thought that some of these boys might find their proper environment and develop the good in themselves, I was glad, and when I saw that some of them were likely to find the wrong environments, and to lose the fine ideals which they now possess, I was sorry, and I felt that I ought to say anything which I thought might help some uncertain man to choose rightly. Every freshman may be assured that I advise him wholly on his own account. I shall not look out for the fraternities. They are amply able to look out for themselves. The student's good shall be my only consideration. I do not claim any originality for what I shall say; I do not even claim that I am stating the facts of the case in an original manner. My sole object is to say to every freshman what I think he ought to hear, and to give to every new man who is not yet sure of himself morally, a sort of guide for conduct. There are in college fraternities which will develop this sort of man, and help him to fix the impulses for good in him as habits. There are other fraternities which would have the worst possible effect on such men. There is a type of fraternity to fit nearly every man, and a type of man to fit nearly every fraternity. If the proper types meet, the best possible results are obtained; if the wrong types meet, we see an example of a square peg in a round hole,—a condition unsatisfactory to all concerned.

The business of joining a fraternity is nearly as serious as the business of getting married. The man takes the fraternity, and the fraternity takes the man, "for better, for worse," for all time. A fraternity may prove a man's salvation; it may prove his damnation. It behooves him to make a careful, and thoughtful, and prayerful choice, for his decision is a matter which will affect his whole life, either for worse, or for better. In many cases it is a mistake for a student to join any fraternity at all. Some students are like those old maids who are willing to hitch up with anything that wears trowsers, so long as they can say they are married. Freshmen should know that existence outside a fraternity is possible, and not at all the worst possible.

When a man makes up his mind about the matter of acceptance or non-acceptance of an invitation, he should take several things into account. He should look the various chapters over carefully, and learn more about them than the number of foot-ball men they may have, and the comparative elegance of their houses, and the attentions which they may or may not have paid him up to pledge-day. He should find out what kind of men belong to the various fraternities, and as far as possible their ambitions and aims, their standing in college, their general habits, and their moral atmosphere. He should know whether their ideals are in sympathy with, or wholly at variance with his own. He can join but one fraternity, and can afford to make no mistake.

Various men in college have at one time and another told me that they have been disappointed in their decisions. They have joined fraternities whose ideals were so totally different from their own that their union with these societies was something very like a tragedy. If they have not gone morally astray, they have become dwarfed and stunted in their mental and moral development through constant association with an ideal which is radically different from their own earlier ideal. They have been prevented from realizing themselves.

Sometimes when I think of this, and then of the fine, clean boys of the freshmen class, with the vast powers for good latent in them and their capacity for warm hearted appreciation of one another, I wish there were no fraternities. I dread the time when I shall see the freshmen grouped in little cliques, and walking apart from their fellows, seeing good in their own group only, and snobbishly ceasing to associate with those whom they once thought worth while. I hope and believe that the new rushing rules will prevent much of this snobbish and ridiculous attitude, and promote a broader and fuller sympathy with the whole college.

" He that walketh with wise men

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SCORELESS TIE WITH U. V. M.

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15 yards. Tennier again made first down on Middlebury's 6-yard line as the period closed.

SECOND QUARTER.

Jones nailed Smith for a 2-yard loss and Fennier could not gain in two plunges through center, Malcom was stopped with no gain on an end-around play and Middlebury had the ball five yards from her own goal line.

Bresnahan and Keefe rushed the ball 12 yards and as the Vermont line stiffened, Condit punted to the Vermont 40-yard line.

Lang broke through and stopped Fennier and Hard spoiled a forward pass to Malcolm. Smith then punted to Bresnahan on Middlebury's 5-yard line. The Middlebury backs could only make five yards, in three line plays and Condit was forced to punt. Tennier fumbled the ball when tackled by Jones, but Vizner recovered for Vermont.

A fifteen-yard penalty gave Vermont first down in the center of the field. Smith attempted a punt, and the ball went straight up in the air so that it landed in Keefe's arms on Middlebury's forty-yard line and immediately bounded out, Vizner again recovering for Vermont.

Lynch, who had replaced Bresnahan, grabbed a forward pass and was downed on Middlebury's thirty-five-yard line. On a kick formation, Hubbard lost two yards. Cowles, on an end around play, made four yards, and then Condit punted to Vizner, on Vermont's forty-yard line. On the first play, Condit broke thru and nailed Smith for a three-yard loss. Before another play could be started time was called, with the ball in Vermont's possession on her own thirty-six-yard line.

THIRD QUARTER.

Vermont received the kick-off on her thirty-yard line and returned the ball to the forty-yard line. Horsford went then and nailed Tennier for a three-yard loss. Tennier in two line plunges made first down. Vizner was thrown back by Horsford for a two-yard loss and Vermont's off-sided play set the five yards further back. Jones nailed Smith for no gain and Lang threw Tennier back a yard, forcing Smith to punt to Hubbard on Middlebury's forty-yard line, who returned the ball to the middle of the field. Lynch went thru center for a couple of yards, and Condit punted to the Vermont five-yard line. Smith failed to gain thru center and Cowles nailed Little before he could get under way. Smith fumbled and Middlebury recovered in center of field. On the first play, Hard dropped the ball and a Vermont man fell on it.

Tennier went around end for four yards and Smith added two more thru guard,

Vermont was set back ten yards for holding.

On a combination lateral and forward pass which was successful for the time being, Pike carried the ball to Middlebury's twenty-five-yard line where he was nailed by Hubbard, who made one of the prettiest tackles of the game. Before catching the ball, Pike gave Jones, who was just going to catch the ball himself, a shove with his hands, and this illegal use of the hands cost Vermont thirty-five yards, as the ball was brought to her forty-yard line. Smith immediately punted to Hubbard on Middlebury's twenty-five-yard line. A successful forward pass to Cowles, who made a great catch, netted twenty yards. Hubbard went thru center for five yards as the period closed.

FOURTH QUARTER.

Condit opened the final quarter with a partially blocked punt which Jones caught on Vermont's forty-five-yard line. Cowles made a nice run around end but there was holding and the ball was brought back to the center of the field. A forward pass failed and Condit punted to the Vermont forty-yard line, where Vizner was nailed in his tracks by Cowles.

Vermont could not gain, then Middlebury's line end was held for downs in the center of the field.

Vermont suffered a five-yard penalty and Keefe and Jones advanced the ball to Vermont's thirty-yard line, Kron replaced Hubbard and at this point Jones attempted a drop kick which was a failure, Smith made first down around end and Frank followed with a five-yard gain thru the tackle. Tennier fail d to gain thru the line but Frank advanced the ball to the center of the field. On a delayed pass Horsford stopped Tennier with a four-yard loss but Little, throwing off a number of tacklers carried the ball to Middlebury's thirty-yard line. Malcolm tried another drop kick which went straight in the air, Middlebury's getting the ball on her thirty-yard line. Kron immediately threw a nice pass to Jones who went to the Vermont forty-five-yard line before he was downed, Bresnahan went thru tackle for twenty-yards and a score seemed to be in sight, but an unfortunate penalty placed the ball back on Middlebury's forty-yard line. Kron was forced to punt and standing on his own thirty-five-yard line, he sent the ball over the Vermont goal line, by far, the longest kick of the game.

Vermont put the ball in play on her twenty-yard line, and aided by the darkness and a number of fresh substitutes, was able to advance to the cent r of the field before time was called.

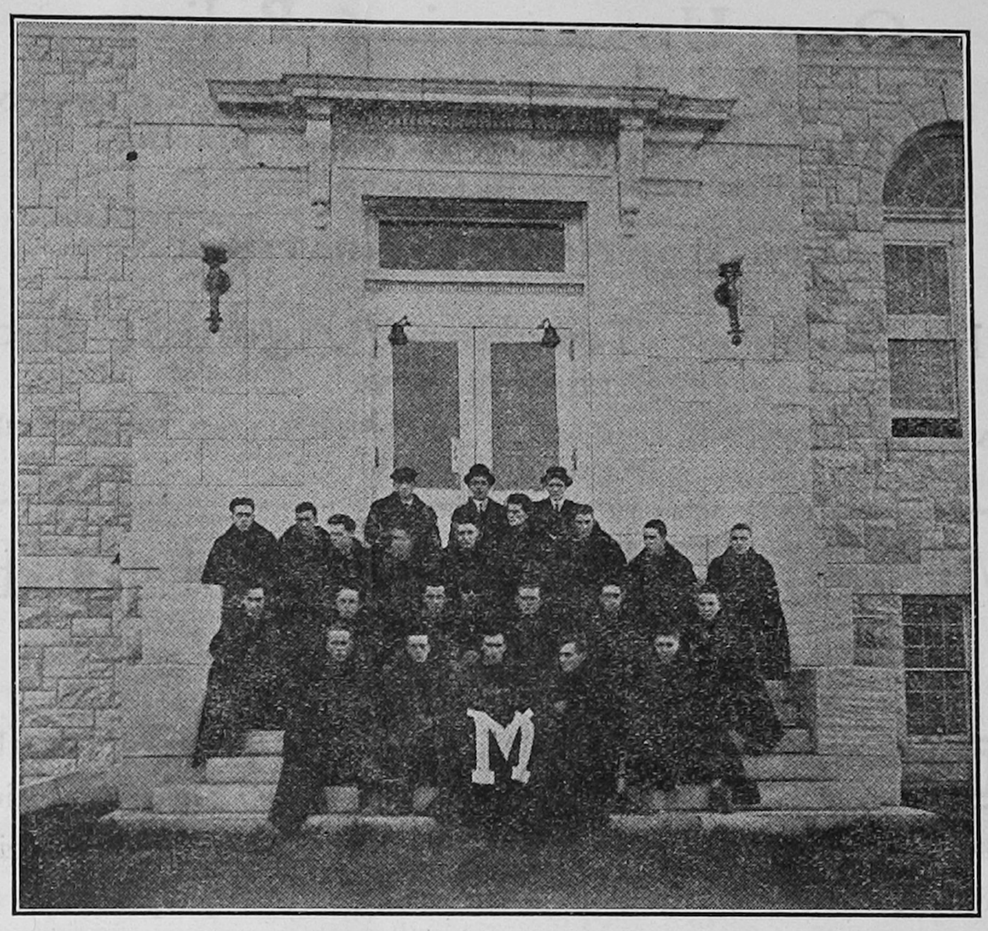
The summary:

MIDDLEBURY.	VERMONT.
Cowles, r e	l e, Malcolm
Hawkes, r e	
Reynolds, r t	l t, Denning
Myrick, r t	l t, Weeks
Horsford, r g	l g, Armstrong
	l g, Abell
Lang, c	c, DeMarco
Chapman, l g	r g, Flynn
Brewster, l g	
Condit, l t	r t, Little
Jones, l e	r e, Pike
Hubbard, q b	q b, Burke
Kron, q b	q b, Vizner
Bresnahan, r h b	l h b, Smith
Lynch, r h b	l h b, Vizner
Hard, l h b	r h b, Frank
Keefe, f b	f b, Tennien

Referee, Barber, Norwich. Umpire, Rockwell, Burlington. Head linesman, Huntley, Norwich. Time, thirteen minute quarters.

Condit New Captain.

Philip H. Condit of East Orange, N. J., has been elected captain of 1915 football team. Condit has played on the varsity for three years, his regular position being tackle. He has played a consistant game, although handicapped this season by his serious illness of last spring. Condit is a hard work r and undoubtedly will be well supported in his new capacity.



1914 FOOTBALL TEAM

A Letter to the Freshmen.

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shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed." A man's association in college are a most potent force in forming his character. A man who chooses carefully and well, can hardly help being good. The opposite is as true of the man who chooses ill. Whatever choice a man may make, be it wise or unwise, I pray that he will not deviate from the rules of conduct which he has hitherto considered right, that he will not spend more money than he ought to spend, and that he will ever bear in mind the fact that in the end a man is respected and liked very much according to the sincerity with which he upholds his ideals.

I have spoken so much of the possible bad effects of fraternity life, that I must in justice speak of the benefits of fraternity life to the man who choses well. I sometimes envy fraternity men the wonderful chance they have for making true and lasting friendships. In all the world there is nothing so wonderful, so akin to the divine and everlasting, as that communion of kindred minds which we call friendship. We are so much shut up in ourselves, so enclosed by our earthly prisons, that our isolation would become frightful and terrifying, were it not for the understanding between ourselves and our friends. Men have ever realized that which was truest and greatest in themselves, through, and for the sake of their friends. It is a good thing for men to know and to love men.

In closing, I would ask the members of the freshmen class to consider long and thoughtfully any bids which they may receive. I would ask them to compare their individual ideals with those of the fraternity which invites them, and to decide whether they are in harmony. Lastly, I would ask them to retain the high ideals with which they entered and never to be ashamed of being called "green" for their ideals. Greenness in some directions is a not wholly undesirable quality. If it implies nothing else, it implies the power to grow.

T. KENNETH PENNIMAN.

Ends Successful Football Season.

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exhibition of football of the season. Middlebury seemed to be in a slump in the Norwich game and only defeated them by a score 7-0. There were enough opportunities to score, but the men lacked the final punch to put the ball across the line.

The final game against Vermont, as everyone knows, was the hardest and most stubborn fought game seen in this section of the country for a number of years. This game speaks for itself. One feature which stands out above all others was the team work of the players and the hearty support of the faculty and student body.

So it can be seen that the team, handicapped at the start by a new system of coaching and new style of play, showed constant development from game to game, until at the close of the season it was showing its best hand for football, a hand that would hold its own against any of the smaller colleges of New England. Coach Franciis deserves a word of praise for the efficient manner in which he developed the team.

He had to become acquainted with a new body of men and was consequently greatly handicapped in the selection of certain men for certain positions. The results of his work are shown in the last four games of the schedule, results that need no comment.

Captain Jones proved himself one of the most efficient leaders Midd. has had in a number of years. Every man on the team and the entire student body stood back of him and gave him the best they had, thus showing their confidence in him.

As everyone knows, the manager's bed generally is not one of roses, but if efficient handling and taking care of a team counts, Manager Cabot surely deserves a pretty soft place to rest his weary frame; nothing short of a feather bed, anyway.

In regard to next season little will be said, as we feel confident that the team, under Capt-elect Condit, will produce results that will speak and show for themselves, and one will not need an ear trumpet or a telescope to hear and perceive them. Practically all of this year's team will return next fall and with the material from the incoming freshman class, should, without any question, develop into the strongest team Midd. has ever sent forth.

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Hartness Succeeds Thomas.

Montpelier, Nov. 7.—Gov. Allen M. Fletcher has received and accepted the resignation from the state board of education of President John M. Thomas, of Middlebury college, and has named as his successor James Hartness, of Springfield.

The new appointee was born in Schenectady, N. Y., September 3, 1861. He was educated in the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio. The University of Vermont in 1910 conferred upon him the honorary degree of M. E. He is the president of the Jones & Lamson Machine Co. and of the Bryant Chucking Grinder Co., both of Springfield.

Mr. Hartness is well known in the scientific world. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, of the Council of American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a life member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, a British organization, a fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science and a member of the American Society for Scientific Research.

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